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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Re: Application of MIZUNO, Hiroki, TOKURA, Shigeo, TONOOKA, Katsuhisa,
SHIBAZAKI, Hiroshi
BALL/ROLLER BEARING CLEANING METHOD AND APPARATUS
THEREOF
Assignee: NSK LTD.
Our Ref: Q79225

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/708,653 (Confirmation No. 2215) filed November 9, 2000 of MIZUNO, Hiroki, TOKURA, Shigeo, TONOOKA, Katsuhisa, SHIBAZAKI, Hiroshi entitled BALL/ROLLER BEARING CLEANING METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREOF.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 12 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment and an Information Disclosure Statement.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1746.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/708,653 filed November 9, 2000; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P. Hei. 11-318443	November 9, 1999

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/708,653.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>12</u>	-	20	=	<u> </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u> \$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	3	=	<u> </u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u> \$0.00</u>
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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey A. Schmidt', written over a horizontal line.

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